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## Looking Back

By Rudy Padilla

The summer just before my senior year in high school was spent at the ballpark or visiting downtown Kansas City, Kansas. My friend Bobby Hepler had graduated from De LaSalle high School

and then attended Junior College on State Street – at the request from his mother. He didn't really like school, but it would serve him well later, when he was drafted into the U.S. Army.

Once during the daytime, he took me to visit the KCKN Radio station, just south of 8th and Minnesota Avenue. I was amazed at being there. The on-air host was very nice to us and mentioned to his audience that he had visitors. Bobby loved the popular music and singers of the time, and he had stopped by there before. I usually watched some musical variety shows on television but did not listen to the radio very much. I had visited below in the lower floor of that building which today is still called “The Kansan” building. Only then, I stopped there to buy rubber bands for when at the age of 13, I delivered *The Kansan* newspaper.

A few days later, he called and asked me to go with him to an event at the Memorial Hall on 7th Street. He timed our arrival so we would be about an hour late. He didn't want to pay the admission price, so he convinced the person at the door to let us in for free. Soon we were seated in a good location and Bobby was watching intently at the male singer in a nice outfit and the deep voice.

When we were leaving, he asked me – “Have you heard of Johnny Cash?” I remember him asking me, and I told him that I “had not.” Bobby was a year older than I, and always seemed to know so much more than I did. He passed away in 2005, and I still thank him for being my friend.

## AG Derek Schmidt Files Lawsuit Alleging Illegal Practices Have Inflated Insulin Prices in Kansas

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt recently filed a lawsuit against leading national insulin manufacturers and pharmacy benefit managers (PBM) over alleged violations of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act (KCPA), accusing them of operating an insulin pricing scheme that forces Kansans to pay excessive costs for the life-saving drug to control diabetes.

Schmidt filed the lawsuit in Shawnee County District Court on behalf of thousands of Kansas residents who rely on insulin to control their diabetes and maintain their quality of life. The

complaint alleges that defendants maintained a pricing scheme that inflated the cost to produce insulin, forcing Kansans with diabetes to choose between rationing their medication to stretch their health care dollars or going without insulin and risk potentially deadly complications.

Named in the lawsuit are manufacturers Eli Lilly and Company, Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC, and Novo Nordisk Inc. Combined the three companies account for 99 percent of the insulin currently on the U.S. market. Also named were PBMs CVS Health Corporation, CVS Pharmacy, Inc., Caremark Rx, LLC,

Caremark, LLC, CaremarkPCS Health, LLC, Evernorth Health, Inc., Express Scripts, Inc., Express Scripts Administrators, LLC, Medco Health Solutions, Inc., ESI Mail Pharmacy Service, Inc., Express Scripts Pharmacy, Inc., and OptumRx, Inc.

As alleged in the lawsuit, the insulin pricing scheme worked by the insulin manufacturers gaining formulary access from the PBMs for their diabetic treatments, artificially and willingly raising their prices, and then secretly

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## Good recordkeeping year-round helps taxpayers avoid tax time frustration

Wading through a pile of statements, receipts and other financial documents when it's time to prepare a tax return can be frustrating for people who haven't managed their records. By knowing what they need to keep and how long to keep it, people can develop a good recordkeeping system year-round and make filing their return easier.

Good recordkeeping can also help taxpayers understand their situation when they receive letters or notices from the IRS.

Good records help:

- Identify sources of income. Taxpayers may receive money or property from a variety of sources. The records can identify the sources of income and help separate business from non-business income and taxable from nontaxable income.
- Keep track of expenses. Taxpayers can use records to identify expenses for which they can claim a deduction. This will help determine whether to itemize deductions at filing. It may also help them discover

potentially overlooked deductions or credits.

- Prepare tax returns. Good records help taxpayers file their tax return quickly and accurately. Throughout the year, they should add tax records to their files as they receive them to make preparing a tax return easier.

- Support items reported on tax returns. Well-organized records make it easier to prepare a tax return and help provide answers if the return is selected for examination or if the taxpayer receives an IRS notice.

In general, taxpayers should keep records for three years from the date they filed the tax return. Taxpayers should develop a system that keeps all their important information together. They can use a software program for electronic recordkeeping. They could also store paper documents in labeled folders.

Records to keep include:

- Tax-related records. This includes wage and earning statements from all employers or payers including payment apps or cards, such as Form W-2, 1099-K, 1099-Misc, 1099-NEC. Other records include interest and dividend statements from banks, certain government payments like unemployment compensation, other income documents and records of virtual currency

transactions. Taxpayers should also keep receipts, canceled checks, and other documents that support income, a deduction, or a credit reported on their tax return.

- IRS letters, notices and prior year tax returns. Taxpayers should keep copies of prior year tax returns and notices or letters they receive from the IRS. These include adjustment notices when an action takes place occurs on the taxpayer's account.

- Property records. Taxpayers should also keep records relating to property they dispose of or sell. They must keep these records to figure their basis for computing gain or loss.

- Business income and expenses. Business taxpayers should find a bookkeeping method that clearly and accurately reflects their gross income and expenses. Taxpayers who have employees must keep all employment tax records for at least four years after the tax is due or paid, whichever is later.

- Health insurance. Taxpayers should keep records of their own and their family members' health care insurance coverage. If they're claiming the premium tax credit, they'll need information about any advance credit payments received through the Health Insurance Marketplace and the premiums they paid.

## Insulin...

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paying a significant portion of that price back to the PBMs. PBMs then granted national formulary status based upon the highest inflated price and upon which diabetes medications generate the largest profits for these PBMs.

"Kansans with diabetes who are either uninsured or are in high deductible plans have been substantially damaged as a direct result of the scheme," Schmidt said. "One in four Kansas diabetics can no longer afford their insulin and are forced to either ration their medicine or to go without. The consequences can be fatal."

The lawsuit alleges that since 2003, these insulin manufacturers have worked in lockstep to raise the reported prices of insulin in an astounding manner. Insulin that costs manufacturers less than \$5 to produce and that was originally priced at \$20 when released, now ranges between \$300 and \$700 in Kansas.

Schmidt alleges that through the insulin pricing scheme the defendants have engaged in deceptive acts and practices as prohibited by the provisions of the KCPA. It is further alleged that the defendants received unjust enrichment by knowingly, willfully, and intentionally deceiving Kansas diabetics and receiving a financial windfall from the insulin pricing scheme at the expense of Kansas diabetics. Finally, Schmidt alleges the insulin manufacturers and the PBMs conspired by failing to disclose the details of their pricing structures, agreements, and sales figures in order maintain the secrecy of their scheme.

The lawsuit arises from Schmidt's ongoing investigation into the practices and activities of PBMs in Kansas. That investigation began in 2020, and the lawsuit filed today is the second it has produced. Last year, Schmidt settled with Centene Corp. regarding its business practices in Kansas, recovering more than \$27 million for Kansas.



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## \$642.3 M in Tax Nov. Collections

The Kansas Department of Revenue announced that total tax collections for November were \$642.3 million, which is \$15.4 million, or 2.5%, more than last November. Total tax receipts for Fiscal Year 2023 continue to outpace Fiscal Year 2022, with year-over-year growth at 5.4%.

Total tax collections for November were 5.3% below the estimate, which was recently raised at November's meeting of the Consensus Revenue Estimating Group to align with consistently strong revenues. The estimate for November and the remainder of FY 2023 was raised by \$773.0 million.

Individual income tax collections were below the estimate for the month by 6.7%, or \$21.1 million, with \$292.4 million collected. Those receipts were 1.2% greater than in November 2021. Corporate income tax collections were \$78,313, or 0.6%, below the estimate, with \$13.2 million collected. That is \$482,253 less than last November.

Corporate income tax collections for the first five months of FY 2023 are 7.0% higher than FY 2022 over the same period. FY 2022 was a record year for corporate income tax receipts.



By Sharon Hoover

**I** made a big boo-boo! There is a charge for the Parks & Rec Holiday Light and Magic show drive-thru at Wyandotte County Park. Anyone who registered online found out. The charge for a car or truck is \$25, limo or commercial van \$40, and commercial bus \$50. The displays run until January 1, 2023.

WYCO Parks & Rec is really keeping busy through the month

# Comin' & Goin' Turner Style

of December. The deadline for the Winter Sports program is December 16 with the program starting January 14, 2023. The fee is \$20. Youth Basketball open for grades K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 6-7. Youth futsal teams for ages 5-7, 8-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-17. [www.wycokck.org/wycoparks](http://www.wycokck.org/wycoparks).

Parks & Rec is sponsoring the Family Holiday Series at various Community Centers featuring free fun activities. It is too late to list the first two dates and you need to register at each location to ensure enough supplies for everyone. Also, at [www.wycokck.org/wycoparks](http://www.wycokck.org/wycoparks) or 5033 State Ave: the Date for each Event - Bethany Community Center 12/9/22, 6:30 pm, holiday movie; Joe E. Amayo Community Center 12/16/22, 6:30pm, holiday movie; Beatrice Lee Community Center 12/17/22, 10am-11:30am, stockings & gingerbread houses; Armour-

dale Community Center 12/21/22, 6:00pm-7:30pm, cookie decoration & holiday craft.

In addition, Parks & Rec are holding Winter Holiday Camps at Eisenhower Community Center and Beatrice Lee Community Center for ages 5-12 beginning on December 21 through December 30 (no camp on Monday, Dec 26). Hours will be 7:30am -5:30pm. Space is limited. Cost is \$40 per child. Each child should bring lunch and a snack. Register online at the above website or call Shelly B. at 913 573-8329 for more information.

Turner Recreation recently mailed a list of their winter programs for adults and children ranging from Yoga to Student Air Rifle (SAR). Deadline for Youth Basketball (grades 1-6) is December 16. I saw no deadline for the SAR registration, but classes begin

in January. Youth wrestling (ages 4-18) registration is open now through January. Other offerings: Yoga, Dance (Kiddy dance ages 5-6, ballet ages 7-12) Tumbling (ages 7-12), Volleyball (6 players a team.) Costs vary for each program - some by session some monthly or individual.

Due to the surge of RSV and Flu cases, I am again recommending getting a flu shot and covid booster. The UG Public Health Department is still giving free flu and covid vaccines. To make an appointment call 913-573-8815. You can also get covid and flu vaccine providers in our area on [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov). We received both vaccines at the same time and only suffered a sore arm.

Until next time stay safe and be kind to those around you. Continue to pray for the brave Ukrainians fighting for the right to remain free.



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# Holiday Happenings: How Your Holiday Gifts And Cards Get Where They Need To Go

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moving it through the network. Mail collected from retail locations, residences, businesses and blue collection boxes are transported to processing facilities. There, letter mail is initially processed on equipment that reads the destination addresses, sprays on bar codes for automation purposes and verifies postage. This mail is then sorted in delivery order for the carrier.

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Wikipedia:  
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Council 11085 has LULAC members in the counties of Douglas, Johnson and Wyandotte (Kansas) – Clay and Jackson (Missouri).

Join us in monthly Zoom meetings – the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

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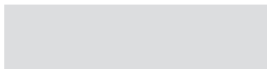
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Bidding Documents may be viewed and/or obtained electronically at [www.smartbidnet.com](http://www.smartbidnet.com). Contact Scott Sherry ([scott.sherry@jedunn.com](mailto:scott.sherry@jedunn.com)) to receive an invite to this project via SmartBidNet.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held virtually at 9:30 am on December 6, 2022 for the purpose of answering any questions from prospective Bidders regarding the Scopes of Work on the Project.

Electronic bids will be received December 21, 2022 before 10:00 AM CST via SmartBidNet.

JE Dunn invites M/WBE subcontractors to call if any assistance is required or questions arise. Questions should be directed to Scott Sherry ([scott.sherry@jedunn.com](mailto:scott.sherry@jedunn.com)), VP, or by phone at (816) 426-8856.

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Bid Documents are available at the Purchasing Department Office, at the above-address between 8 AM and 4 PM, M-F. Bid Documents are posted at <http://www.kckps.org/index.php/invitation-for-bids>

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Pre-Bid Conference/Site Visit 2220 N. 59th St, Ste. 229, Kansas City, KS 66104: 12/08/2022 @ 9AM

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